

Significant Figures Practice Problems

1. Convert each of the following into the correct scientific notation form.

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| a) 3427 | b) 0.00456 | c) 123,453 |
| d) 172 | e) 0.000984 | f) 0.502 |
| g) 3100.0×10^2 | h) 0.0114×10^4 | i) 107.2 |
| j) 0.0000455 | k) 2205.2 | l) 30.0×10^{-2} |
| m) 0.982×10^{-3} | n) 0.0473 | o) 650.502 |
| p) 3.03×10^{-1} | q) 20.4×10^5 | r) 1.29 |
| s) 0.00565 | t) 1362205.2 | u) 450.0×10^3 |
| v) 100.0×10^{-3} | | |

2. Determine the number of significant figures in each of the following:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| a) 3427 | b) 0.00456 | c) 123,453 |
| d) 172 | e) 0.000984 | f) 0.502 |
| g) 4.200×10^2 | h) 6.14×10^4 | i) 107.2 |
| j) 0.0000455 | k) 2205.2 | l) 3.85×10^{-2} |
| m) 9.71×10^{-3} | n) 0.0473 | o) 650.502 |
| p) 6.03×10^{-1} | q) 9.06×10^5 | r) 1.29 |
| s) 0.00565 | t) 1362205.2 | u) 7.500×10^3 |
| v) 2.000×10^{-3} | w) 546,000 | x) 546,000 |

3. Convert each into standard form.

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| 1.56×10^4 | 3.69×10^{-6} |
| 2.59×10^5 | 1.369×10^{-2} |
| 2.59×10^3 | 7.369×10^5 |
| | 2.09×10^{-3} |
| 5.6×10^{-2} | |
| 6.9×10^4 | |
| 4.59×10^{-1} | |

4. Calculate the following. Give the answer in correct number of significant figures.

a) $43.7 - 2.341$

b) $17.6 + 2.838 + 2.3 + 110.77$

c) $19.6 + 58.33 - 4.974$

d) $5.99 - 5.572$

e) $0.004 + 0.09879$

f) $1239.3 + 9.73 + 3.42$

g) $2.4 - 1.777$

h) $532 + 7.3 - 48.523$

5. Calculate the following. Give the answer in number of significant figures.

a) $5.01 \times 10^5 \div 7.8 \times 10^2$

b) $4.005 \times 74 \times 0.007$

c) $453 \div 2.031$

d) $27.5 \times 1.82 \div 100.04$

e) $2.290 \times 10^6 \div 6.7 \times 10^4$

f) $1.54 \times 0.03060 \times 0.69$

g) $9.15 \div 4.9070$

h) $89.3 \times 77.0 \times 0.08$

6. Calculate the following. Give the answer in number of significant figures.

a) $(24.6681 \times 2.38) + 332.58$

b) $(85.3 - 21.489) \div 0.0059$

c) $(512 \div 986.7) + 5.44$

d) $(2.87 \div 48.533) + 144.99$

e) $[(1.7 \times 10^6) \div (2.63 \times 10^5)] + 7.33$

f) $(568.99 - 232.1) \div 5.3$

g) $(9443 + 45 - 9.9) \times (8.1 \times 10^6)$

h) $(3.14 \times 2.4367) - 2.34$